

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action transmitted March 5, 2009 ("*Office Action*") Claims 1-54 are pending in the Application. Claims 53 and 54 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 13-19, 26-32, 35, 36, 39-45, 48, 49 and 52 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 7-8, 11-12, 20-25, 33-34, 37-38, 46-47 and 50-51 have been objected to by the Examiner. Applicant currently cancels Claims 7, 20, 33 and 46, and amends Claims 1, 14, 27 and 40. All amendments are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. These amendments place all claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

I. Allowed Claims

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 53 and 54 are allowed and that 7-8, 11-12, 20-25, 33-34, 37-38, 46-47, and 50-51 would be allowed if they were rewritten in independent form. Applicants currently amend the independent Claims 1, 14, 27 and 40 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claims 7, 20, 33 and 46, respectively, and cancels Claims 7, 20, 33 and 46. These amendments place Claims 8, 12, 25, 34, 38, 47 and 50-51 in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-6, 9-10, 13-19, 26-32, 35-36, 39-45, 48, 49 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,418,785 to Olshansky, et al. ("*Olshansky*"). Although Applicants traverse, to hasten issuance of allowable subject matter, Applicants currently amend the independent Claims 1, 14, 27 and 40 to incorporate allowable subject matter. These amendments obviate these rejections. Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and full allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this Application.

If the Examiner feels prosecution of the present Application may be advanced by a telephone conference, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (214) 953-6584.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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